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SUBJ: REGIONALISM IN THE CARIBBEAN

1. THE STATE FUNERAL OF PREMIER BRADSHAW OF ST. KITTS, FROM WHICH I JUST RETURNED GAVE ME NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE CURRENT STATE OF THE OLD WEST INDIAN DREAM OF INTEGRATION. BRADSHAW WAS AN EARLY, VIGOROUS AND CONTINUING SUPPORTER OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION. HE SERVED THE NOW DEFUNCT WEST INDIAN FEDERATION WITH DISTINCTION. IN HIS LATER YEARS, HOWEVER, HE SAW HOW EVEN THE MINUSCULE ISLANDS OF NEVIS AND ANGUILLA PREFER TO GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS RATHER THAN REMAIN ATTACHED TO ST. KITTS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

2. BRADSHAW'S DEATH BROUGHT CARIBBEAN LEADERS TOGETHER WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT CONSENT TO MEET. PRESENT FOR THE CEREMONIES WAS SUCH CARIBBEAN LUMINARIES AS PM MANLEY, PM FORBES BURNHAM, THE WIDOW OF GRANTLEY ADAMS, PREMIER VERE BIRD, PERMIER JOHN COMPTON, PREMIER MILTON CATO, PM PINDLING
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AND A HOST OF OTHER ISLAND LEADERS. THEIR PRESENCE AND THE HEARTFELT TRIBUTES TO BRADSHAW AND HIS DREAM OF INTEGRATION BESPEAK A CONTINUING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH THE CONCEPT OF UNITY BY THE OLDER GENERATION OF CARIBBEAN LEADERS.

3. ALSO THERE FOR ALL TO SEE WAS AN UNSEEMLY AND INTENSE COMPETITION BETWEEN KITTIAN LEADERS PAUL SOUTHWELL AND LEE MOORE FOR BRADSHAW'S MANTLE. ALSO CLEARLY EVIDENT WERE THE JEALOUSIES AND COMPETITION AMONG THE VARIOUS ISLAND LEADERS INDICATIVE THAT ON ALMOST EVERY ISLAND NO MATTER HOW SMALL, THERE ARE AMBITIOUS LOCAL LEADERS WHO REGULARLY PLACE PERSONAL AND LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS FAR ABOVE REGIONAL ONES.

4. WE CHOOSE A LONG, HARD ROAD WHEN WE ADOPT A REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF THIS AREA. A REGIONAL APPROACH NEVER SEEMED MORE DIFFICULT AND THE GOAL OF INTEGRATION NEVER MORE DISTANT THAN AT THE PRESENT. NEVERTHELESS, I AM CONVINCED REGIONALISM IS THE RIGHT POLICY FOR US TO PURSUE IN THIS AREA. WITH SOME CONCESSIONS TO REALITY, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR INTEGRATION.
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